

Transportation and Communication Committee Meeting Summary

September 4, 2003

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Action Item 4.1	Staff presented the low, medium and high baseline funding scenarios for the Draft 2004 RTP. TCC approved using the low scenario which would generate \$120 billion over the plan horizon through 2030.
Action Item 4.2	Staff presented the 2004 RTIP Guidelines. TCC approved release of the Draft 2004 RTIP Guidelines.
Action Item 4.3	SCAG consultant presented the need to increase funding for our transportation system preservation as recommended by the P&P TAC. TCC approved the recommendation by TAC to increase funding for system preservation by \$6.6 billion in the 2004 RTP over the plan period.
Action Item 4.4	SCAG consultant presented the need to increase funding for our transportation system operation as recommended by the P&P TAC. TCC approved the recommendation by TAC to increase funding for system operation by \$1.3 billion in the 2004 RTP over the plan period.
Action Item 4.5	SCAG consultant presented the three policies proposed for the 2004 RTP by the P&P TAC. TCC approved modified TAC recommendation to include a fourth policy that would ensure HOV Gap Closure projects are given a priority in the RTP if they meet all the other policies.
Info Item 5.1	SCAG Consultant provided an overview of the performance analysis performed on the five growth scenarios approved by the CEHD to move forward in May of this year.
Info Item 5.2	Staff provided a status report on the implications of an action by the federal agencies that would require SCAG and Caltrans to provide updated financial information sufficient to demonstrate the 2004 RTIP is financially constrained before they approve any new TIP amendments.

Energy and Environment Committee Meeting Summary

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- 5.1 The Committee voted unanimously (with one abstention) to adopt the staff recommendation to oppose AB 1497 (Montanez), relating to solid waste facilities, and SB 288 (Sher), establishing the Protect California Air Act. AB 1300 was dropped from discussion as it is no longer active.
- 5.2 Staff brought to the meeting a slightly revised version of the agendized comment letter clarifying the requested action by the State legislature. Following discussion, the Committee approved SCAG's revised comment letter on the California Floodplain Management Report (without further amendment).
- 6.2 (Information item on air quality) Staff provided the EEC members with a letter for their use in requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency commit to further emission reductions from federally regulated air pollution sources and to delegate more authority to the local level to control these emissions.
- 6.3 (Information item on formation of an Environmental Justice Advisory Committee) Committee members had feedback for staff on the composition of the group and requested that it be pulled from the RC agenda for the day and brought back to the EEC for approval.
- 7.0 Water Policy Task Force will meet September 18th. Committee member Hon. Larry Forester of Signal Hill requested that in a future meeting the Task Force hear from the City and County of Los Angeles on their negotiated plan to address trash limits in urban runoff.
- 9.0 Staff updated the Committee on the development of an Air Quality/Land Use Handbook for local governments by the California Air Resources Board. The Committee requested this be brought back as an agenda item.
- 10.0 Committee member Hon. Lori Van Arsdale of Hemet requested that solid waste items be brought to the committee in lieu of the sunsetted Solid Waste Task Force.

Community, Economic and Human Development Committee Meeting Summary

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3.0	The Consent Calendar was approved. The Consent Calendar included the August meeting minutes and three Receive and File Items: a flyer for an upcoming HOME program workshop, the periodic Inter-Governmental Review Activity Report, and the Legislative Matrix. Staff received comments that the Legislative Matrix should clearly list whether SCAG has taken a position on each bill.
4.1	Adjustments to the Trend Projections for Use as No Project RTP/EIR Alternative. The Committee unanimously directed staff to make adjustments to the SCAG Trend Projection in light of recent State Department of Finance and Economic Development Department estimates. These estimates indicates that SCAG's Trend Projection underestimates population and overestimates employment and housing. Staff will also examine building permit trends in making this adjustment.
5.1	Gateway Cities Council of Governments Housing Implementation Strategy. Councilmember Keith McCarthy of Downey presented the findings of the Gateway Cities work on housing from the 2002-2003 work program. The report examined housing development issues in the sub-region, and found that building performance could be improved through land use measures, creation of new finance mechanisms, and legislative changes.
5.2	Low Income Housing Tax Credit Presentation. Joe Carreras of SCAG staff presented on the Low Income Housing Tax Credit performance. The presentation stressed that tax credits are an invaluable resource for housing production, that they are in short supply, and that localities can best use tax credits to meet local objectives by leveraging with locally controlled subsidies.
5.3	Economic Forecast Conference. Bruce DeVine of SCAG staff encouraged committee members to attend the Economic Forecast Conference on November 13 in Newport Beach.
6.0	Chairs Report. No report
7.0	Staff Report/ RHNA Legislative Working Group. Lynn Harris of SCAG staff reported that SCAG is attending the statewide Housing Legislative Working Group. Staff expects issues relevant to SCAG, including the RHNA, to be taken up at future meetings of this group.
8.0	Future Agenda Items. None offered
9.0	Closed Session. No Closed Session held